HEAVY RUN OF CATTLE

Quality of Beeves Offered at East Liberty Below the Average.

PRICES ARE LOWER ON ALL GRADES

Sheep and Swine Join in the Downward Movement, and All

LIVE STOCK FINDS A LOWER LEVEL

OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH, PITTSBURG, WEDNESDAY, January 13.

There were, all told, about 105 carloads of cattle on sale this week at the East Liberty yards against 95 loads last week. The offerings this week were 25 per cent more than our trade calls for at this season of the year. Quality of beeves on sale was considerably below late average. Weather proved adverse to trade, and with the large run buyers, who were not numerous, succeeded in obtaining concessions on last week's prices all the way from 15c to 25c per cwt. There were no sales of cattle this week in carload lots above $4 75 per cwt, whereas last week there were sales at $5 05 per cwt. At the reduced prices a goodly number failed to find buyers, and a number of carloads were sent East in first hands. According to Eastern advices the cattle sent on went further to fare worse than they would have done here.

Fresh cows were in light supply and quality of offerings was low. The range of markets was as it was a week ago, $25 00 to $45 00 per head. Veal calves were scarce and higher. The top price was 7c per lb. There have been close to 50 carloads of sheep and lambs on the market this week, and prices ranged from 10c to 25c per cwt below last week's range. Choice grades suffered least from the decline, but even this grade, which has been firm and active all the winter, was a shade lower. Hogs—Top price on Monday was $4 55, and top price this morning was $4 40, showing a decline of 15c per cwt from the opening of the week's markets.

A Stock Firm's Review.

Following is the report of the transactions for the week at East Liberty stock yards by William Holmes & Co.:

We report 100 loads cattle on sale Monday, fifty loads being from Chicago and 50 loads of country cattle which were mostly from Ohio and Indiana. The quality was much below the average of the past two weeks. The attendance of buyers was light, and this with bad reports from the Eastern markets gave a very dull opening at the to 25c decline from last week, and closed 30c to 40c lower than last week's close, with a number of loads unsold. No prime were offered. We quote good 1,300 to 1,400 at $4 40 to $4 70; good, 1,100 to 1,200 at $4 10@4 40; 900 to 1,000 at $3 25 to $3 75; cows and bulls, 25@30c; stockers, 500 to 700, $2 25 to $2 80; fresh cows and springers $20 to $40 per head.

Receipts of hogs were liberal on Monday and prices steady at last week's close. Since Monday receipts have been light, but on account of soft, rainy weather the market has been dull at 5c to 10c lower than Monday. We quote select tops at $4 40 to $4 45; good mixed, $4 35 to $4 40; good Yorkers, $4 30 to $4 40; common Yorkers and pigs, $4 10 to $4 20; roughs, $3 50 to $4 00.

Receipts of sheep and lambs have been heavy and trade slow at about steady prices on good to prime wooled lots to 25c lower on common. We quote 90 to 110 wethers at $4 75 to $5 10; 80 to 90 at $4 65 to $4 90; 70 to 80 at $3 25 to $4 10; culls, $2 00 to $2 50; choice lambs, $5 25 to $5 50; good, $5 00 to $5 20; common, $4 25 to $4 75; veal calves, 6c to 7c.

Some of the Sales Reported.

S. Hodges & Co.—Cattle—13,220 lbs, $4 35; 7 head, 5,800 lbs, $4 00; 19 head, 19,000 lbs, $4 05; 20 head, 20,000 lbs, 7c. Hogs—70 head, 11,770 lbs, $4 25; 59 head, 13,280 lbs, $4 30; 63 head, 11,330 lbs, $4 4; 73 head, 16,100 lbs, $4 30; 100 head, 12,340 lbs, $4 45. Sheep—183 head, 19,700 lbs, $4 80; 39 head, 3,920 lbs, $4 10; 102 head, 9,180 lbs, $4 25; 124 head, 8,840 lbs, $6 00; 99 head, 7,100 lbs, $5 75.

Hirsh & Co.—Cattle—38 head, 50,910 lbs, $4 70; 22 head, 20,450 lbs, $3 60; 12 head, 10,690 lbs, $3 60; 22 head, 23,380 lbs, $4 75; 15 head, 20,280 lbs, $4 60; 22 head, 22,360 lbs, $4 50; 9 head, 10,690 lbs, $4 10. Hogs—48 head, 7,340 lbs, $4 45; 28 head, 16,000 lbs, $4 30; 50 head, 10,600 lbs, $4 55; 70 head, 12,310 lbs, $4 40. Sheep—104 head, 8,520 lbs, $4 75; 86 head, 7,140 lbs, $4 90; 32 head, 4,200 lbs, $4 25; 75 head, 6,000 lbs, $5 00.

Duff, Hazelwood & Imboff—Cattle—19 head, 16,—180 lbs, $4 35; 20 head, 22,220 lbs, $4 35; 18 head, 22,—040 lbs, $4 60; 21 head, 19,620 lbs, 4c; 19 head, 20,000 lbs, 4c. Hogs—50 head, 10,780 lbs, $4 30; 70 head, 14,980 lbs, $4 40; 83 head, 13,730 lbs, $4 45; 110 head, 13,—000 lbs, $4 45. Sheep—32 head, 3,700 lbs, $5 00; 66 head, 5,400 lbs, $4 90; 101 head, 6,710 lbs, $5 50; 142 head, 7,830 lbs, $4 90; 52 head, 4,210 lbs, $5 25; 284 head, 22,080 lbs, $4 40.

Rewick, Lamison & Co: Cattle—15 head 17,530 lbs, $4 10; 11 head, 10,440 lbs, $3 40; 20 head, 22,820 lbs, $4 20; 18 head, 20,350 lbs, $4 25; 12 head, 12,610 lbs, $3 75; 8 head, 8,240 lbs, $3 50; 20 head, 21,480 lbs, $4 70. Hogs—200 head, 20,720 lbs, $4 55; 52 head, 5,330 lbs, $4 00; 112 head, 16,950 lbs, $4 35; 76 head, 11,—000 lbs, $4 40; 71 head, 15,250 lbs, $4 37½. Sheep—1 head, 140 lbs, $6 00; 98 head, 8,750 lbs, $4 60; 32 head, 2,030 lbs, $5 00.

McCoy, Bowden & Newburn: Cattle—24 head, 24,—000 lbs, $4 25; 24 head, 24,000 lbs, $4 20; 24 head, 24,—000 lbs, $3 90; 24 head, 23,400 lbs, $3 50; 19 head, 19,—000 lbs, $2 70; 4 calves, 550 lbs, 7c. Hogs—15,440 lbs, $4 50; 94 head, 19,—400 lbs, $4 45; 144 head, 20,580 lbs, $4 40; 74 head, 12,310 lbs, $4 45; 113 head, 22,380 lbs, $4 40. Sheep—94 head, 6,420 lbs, $5 00; 59 head, 4,—000 lbs, $5 25; 206 head, 12,510 lbs, $3 00; 115 head, 6,—930 lbs, $4 50; 88 head, 7,500 lbs, $4 00; 118 head, 9,—100 lbs, $4 75.

Mann, Dyer & Co.: Cattle—20 head, 23,340 lbs, $4 40; 19 head, 24,—000 lbs, $4 40; 11 head, 14,620 lbs, $4 25; 12 head, 12,370 lbs, $3 50; 19 head, 18,280 lbs, $4 30; 10 head, 13,330 lbs, $4 50; 30 calves, 2,620 lbs, $6 75; 4 calves, 570 lbs, 7c. Hogs—71 head, 13,720 lbs, $4 50; 24 head, 5,—000 lbs, $4 30; 65 head, 13,910 lbs, $4 35; 220 head, 22,900 lbs, $4 50. Sheep—104 head, 9,080 lbs, $5 00; 114 head, 10,730 lbs, $5 30; 30 head, 2,200 lbs, $4 50; 371 head, 34,730 lbs, $5 00.

Liggett, Bros. and Hadden: Cattle—7 head, 9,—100 lbs, $3 75; 8 head, 7,750 lbs, $4 75; 17 head, 24,330 lbs, $4 25; 4 heifers, 3,650 lbs, $3 50; 5 cows, 5,060 lbs, $3 25; 2 bulls, 620 lbs, 2c. Hogs—35 head, 5,710 lbs, $4 40; 26 head, 5,120 lbs, $4 50; 75 head, 12,800 lbs, $4 40; 70 head, 8,—000 lbs, $4 40; 200 head, 18,—000 lbs, $4 50; 68 head, 6,090 lbs, $4 35; 86 head, 6,790 lbs, $4 25; 93 head, 6,890 lbs, $4 40; 86 head, 6,—580 lbs, $4 50.

William Holmes & Co.: Cattle—30 head, 25,780 lbs, $4 60; 18 head, 20,640 lbs, $4 60; 10 head, 11,570 lbs, $3 80; 1 head, 3,140 lbs, $3 85; 8 head, 7,200 lbs, $4 25; 2 cows, 2,000 lbs, $3 25; 7 cows, 7,050 lbs, $4 25; 4 calves, 680 lbs, $5 75. Hogs—110 head, 15,600 lbs, $4 40; 15 head, 2,080 lbs, $4 40; 146 head, 27,770 lbs, $4 45; 15 head, 2,340 lbs, $4 50. Sheep—114 head, 7,950 lbs, $5 25; 50 head, 3,250 lbs, $5 00; 86 head, 5,—700 lbs, $5 10; 63 head, 5,770 lbs, $5 25; 44 head, 4,610 lbs, $5 40.

By Telegraph.

New York—Beeves—Receipts, 2,034 head, including 69 cows for sale; market very dull but a shade easier; native steers, $3 50@4 70; bulls and cows, $1 25@3 40; dressed beef steady at 7@9½c per pound; shipments to Liverpool, 2,300 cattle, 200 quarters of beef; tomorrow, 1,250 beeves and 25 sheep. Calves—Receipts, 556 head; market firm; veals, $5 00@9 50 per 100 pounds; grassers, $2 50@3 25. Sheep—Receipts, 3,270 head; market steady for all lots, 5@7c per pound lower; sheep, $5 00@5 15 per 100 pounds; lambs, $6 00@7 00; dressed mutton steady at 8@10c per pound; dressed lambs weak at 9@11c. Hogs—Receipts, 12,735 head, consigned direct; nominally steady; at $3 90@4 30 per 100 pounds.

Chicago—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000 head; shipments, 2,000 head; prime steers steady; common steers and cows 15@20c lower; market closing weak; natives, $2 70@5 40; stockers, $2 25@3 25; cows and heifers, $1 25@2 75. Hogs—Receipts, 43,000 head; shipments, 13,—000 head; market active and irregular; mixed and packers, $4 00@4 10; prime heavy and medium weights, $4 15@4 35; light, $4 00@4 10; pigs, $3 90@3 95. Sheep—Receipts, 9,000 head; shipments, 3,000 head; market active and steady; native ewes, $3 80@4 25; mixed, $4 50@4 75; Western wethers, $4 75@5 45; lambs, $4 25@6 75.

Buffalo—Cattle—Receipts, 70 loads through, 12 sale; market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 17 loads through, 100 sale; market slow and lower; heavy grades, $4 50@4 55; packers and medium, $4 30@4 35. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2 loads through, 45 sale; sheep steady, lambs shade easier; extra fancy, $5 25@5 75; good to choice, $4 90@5 00; lambs good to extra, $5 60; common to fair do, $5 00@5 25.

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 2,300 head; shipments, 200 head; market steady; fair to choice natives, $3 25@4 90; fed Texans, $3 00@3 60. Hogs—Receipts, 3,200 head; shipments, 1,200 head; market opened lower and closed steady; fair to fancy heavy, $4 00@4 15; mixed, ordinary to good, $3 50@4 00; light, fair to best, $3 90@4 10. Sheep—Receipts, 900 head; shipments, none; market strong; fair to desirable muttons, $4 00@5 50.

Kansas City—Cattle—Receipts, 3,500 head; shipments, 2,800 head; steers and cows steady; stockers and feeders strong; steers, $3 15@5 25; cows, $1 25@3 00; stockers and feeders, $2 00@3 50. Hogs—Receipts, 16,600 head; shipments, 3,400 head; market active, 5c higher; all grades, $3 62½@4 07½; bulk, $3 80@4 00. Sheep—Receipts, 1,700 head; shipments, none; market strong.

Cincinnati—Hogs in good demand and higher; common and light, $3 75@4 25; packing and butchers, $4 10@4 35; receipts, 6,700 head; shipments, 3,190 head. Cattle steady and unchanged; receipts, 525 head; shipments, 240 head. Sheep easier, receipts, 940 head; shipments, none. Lambs in lighter demand and easier; common to choice, $4 00@6 00 per 100 pounds.

The Drygoods Market.

New York, Jan. 13.—There was more business in the drygoods market to-day through the presence of numerous buyers. There was a relative degree of animation, although this did not develop any special activity. Transactions were mainly for moderate parcels, but there was considerable inquiry for larger lots, particularly of plain cottons prices were steady.

The Metal Markets.

New York, Jan. 13.—Pig iron quiet; American, $15 75@17 75. Copper firm; lake, January, 11@11½c. Lead quiet; domestic, $4 25@4 30. Tin quiet; Straits, $19 85.

BULLS BRACING UP.

The Weakness of a Fortnight in Wheat Gives Place to Strength—The Market Invaded by Crowds Attracted by the Low Prices—Weak Again.

CHICAGO—The feeling of weakness which prevailed in wheat Monday and Tuesday gave place to one of strength to-day. The loss of 1c of yesterday was entirely recovered. The strength was largely due to a local bull sentiment. Public cables quoted prices lower, but private ones said the feeling in the markets abroad was better. But the most bullish factor came later in the day in the decrease of nearly 1,600,000 bushels in the available supply reported by *Bradstreet's*. Of this decrease, however, only 138,000 bushels were on the Atlantic slope, the Pacific coast showing a decrease of 1,447,000. The steady drop of 8c to 10c during the last week or so has brought a good many buyers into the market. May started at 90⅞@90⅝c against 90⅛c at the close yesterday; sold up to 91⅜c; off to 91⅛c and back to 91⅜c before noon. During the last hour there was a period of weakness caused by free selling to realize profits at the advance, and shorts having already pretty well covered, there was little demand. May went off at 90⅞c, rallied to 91⅜c, on late and more encouraging cables, and closed steady at 91⅛c.

Corn was strong and higher during most of the session, largely in sympathy with the improved feeling in wheat. Trade was more active. Late in the day, when wheat turned weak, corn followed, closing at medium figures and about ⅜c better than yesterday's close.

Oats followed wheat and corn, and closed ¼@⅜c higher.

Hog products higher. Prices were lower for the best grades. There was a sharp demand for products early and a further advance. Later this was satisfied and prices settled back, the close showing a small appreciation in values.

The leading futures ranged as follows, as corrected by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Chicago Board of Trade:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT, No. 2.				
January	$ 85⅛	$ 86⅛	$ 85⅛	$ 86⅛
May	90⅞	91⅜	90⅞	91⅛
CORN, No. 2.				
January	38⅝	38⅞	38⅝	38⅞
February	39	39⅛	39	39⅛
May	41	41⅜	41	41⅜
OATS, No. 2.				
January	29¼	29⅜	29¼	29⅜
May	31	31⅜	31	31⅜
MESS PORK.				
January	11 35	11 35	11 35	11 40
May	11 67½	11 85	11 67½	11 75
LARD.				
January	6 20	6 27½	6 20	6 25
May	6 50	6 60	6 50	6 57½
SHORT RIBS.				
January	5 00	5 05	5 00	5 00
May	5 90	5 95	5 87½	5 90

Cash quotations are as follows: Flour easy, but not quotably lower. No. 2 spring wheat, 86⅞c; No. 3 spring do, 80½@82c; No. 2 red, 88c; No. 2 corn, 38⅞c; No. 2 oats, 29¼c; No. 2 white, 32@32½c; No. 3 white, 30½@31c; No. 2 rye, 83½c; No. 2 barley, 60c; No. 3, f. o. b., 45@53c; No. 4, f. o. b., 33@55c; No. 1 flaxseed, 96½c; prime timothy seed, $1 20@1 25. Mess pork, per bbl, $8 25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 25@6 27½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5 55@5 65; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 50@4 62½; short clear sides (boxed), $5 90@6 00. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1 18. Sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was firm; fancy creamery, 28@29c; fine Western, 26@27c; ordinary, 20@25c; selected dairies, 23@25c; ordinary, 18@20c. Eggs, 23@24c.

NEW YORK—Flour quiet and heavy. Cornmeal quiet and steady. Wheat—Spot market higher with options dull; No. 2 red, $1 03⅛@1 02 in store and elevator; $1 02@1 03 afloat; $1 03⅛@1 04 f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 99½@$1 00; ungraded red, 93½@$1 00⅞; No. 1 Northern, $1 04½; No. 1 hard, $1 06⅞@1 07½; No. 2 Northern, 98½@99c. Options—No. 2 red, January, closing at $1 01⅞; February, $1 01½@1 02⅜, closing at $1 02⅜; March, $1 02⅛@1 03⅛, closing at $1 03⅛; April, $1 03⅜@1 03⅞, closing at $1 03½; May, $1 03⅞@1 04, closing at $1 04; June, $1 04⅛@1 04⅜, closing at $1 04⅛; July, 99⅞@99¾c, closing at 99½c. Rye steady and quiet; Western, 97@98c. Barley dull. Corn—Spot market irregular, closing stronger; fair business; No. 2 59¾@59¾c in elevator, 59⅞@59⅞c afloat; 52½@53½c for ungraded mixed. 53@53½c; No. 2 white, 53½c; No. 3, 46@47c; steamer mixed, 50@51½c; options, January, 50½@51½c, closing at 51c; February, 50⅞@51½c; March, 50¼@50½c, closing at 50½c; April, 50⅛@50⅜c, closing at 50c; May, 49½@50c, closing at 49⅞c. Oats—Spot market steadier; fairly active; options firmer and quiet; January, 36½c; February, 33⅞@37¼c; May, 37⅛@37½c, closing at 37½c; spot No. 2 white, 38⅞@39½c; mixed Western, 36@38c; white do, 39@43c; No. 2 Chicago, 37½c. Hay firm; fair to fancy, $75@90. Hops steady. Hides quiet and firm and active. Tallow steady. Eggs quiet and weak Western, 24@24½c. Pork quiet. Middles strong and firm. Cut meats strong. Lard higher, moderate demand; Western steam closed at $6 07½; city, $6 05@6 70; options, January, $6 64; February, $6 67; March, $6 75@6 77; May, $6 87@6 95, closing at $6 88@6 90. Butter in moderate demand; Western dairy, 18@23c; do, creamery, 21@32c; do, factory, 14@21c; Elgin, 31½@32c. Cheese fairly active and firm; part skims, 5½@10c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour weak. Wheat—No. 2 red in export elevator, 98c; No. 2 red, January, 98½@98⅝c; February, 99⅛@$1 00⅛; March, $1 01⅛@1 01⅜; April, $1 02⅛@1 03⅛. Corn No. 4, mixed, on track, 43½c. No. 3, in export elevator, 45½@46½c; steamer in do, 48½c; No. 2 yellow in do, 54c. Oats—No. 2 white, and yellow in grain depot, 53c; No. 2 in export elevator, 50@50½c; No. 2 mixed, January, 50@50½c; February, March and April, 49½@50c. Oats—Car lots advanced ½c with better demand; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; clipped, 39½c; No. 2 white, 40½c; do choice, 40½c; No. 2 white, January, 39½@39½c; February, March and April, 38½@39c. Butter—Fancy goods scarce and firm; Pennsylvania creamery, extra, 31@32c. Eggs dull and weak; Pennsylvania firsts, 24c.

BALTIMORE—Wheat firmer; No. 2 red, spot and January, $1 00⅛@1 00⅝; February, $1 01@1 01⅛; March, $1 02; May, $1 03@1 03⅛; steamer No. 2 red, 97@97½c. Corn firmer; mixed spot, 50⅛@51c; January, 50⅛@50⅜c; February and March, 50@50⅛c; April, 50c; May, 50⅛@50⅜c; steamer mixed, 47@48c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white Western, 38@39½c; No. 2 mixed Western, 37c asked. Rye quiet; No. 2, 95@96c. Hay firm and higher; good to choice timothy, $13 00@14 50. Provisions quiet, firm and unchanged. Butter active and steady. Eggs steady at 24c.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar quiet, but steady; open kettle, prime to strictly prime, 2 13-16@2⅞c; fully fair, 2⅝c; fair to good fair, 2½@2 11-16c; common to good common, 2⅛@2 3-16c; inferior to common refining, off ⅛@3 3-16@3 15-16c; prime yellow, clarified, 3 7-16@3 9-16c; off do, 3⅛@3⅜c; seconds, 2⅞@3⅛c. Molasses steady; open kettle, prime, 27c; fair to good fair, 25@25c; centrifugal, good prime, 15@18c; fair to prime, 10@13c; common to good common, 6@9c.

CINCINNATI—Flour easy. Wheat in fair demand; No. 2 red, 94@95c. Corn stronger and higher; No. 2 mixed, 43@43½c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed, 34½@34⅝c. Rye quiet; No. 2 88c. Pork firm at $11 25. Lard in good demand at $6 15. Bulk meats firm at $5 62½. Bacon firm at $7 00. Butter firm. Eggs stronger at 24c. Cheese firm with moderate demand.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat, lower; No. 2 cash, 77¼c bid. Corn lower; No. 2, cash, 33½c bid, 34c asked; January, 33c bid, 33½c asked. Oats higher; No. 2 cash, 29c bid, 29½c asked; January, 29c bid, 29½c asked; May, 31¼@31½c. Eggs unchanged.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, January, 86½c; yesterday, 83½c; May, opening, 86½c; highest, 87½c; lowest, 86½c; closing, 87¼c; yesterday, 86¼c; on track, No. 1 hard, 86½c; No. 1 Northern, 85½c; No. 2 Northern, 80@82c.

TOLEDO—Wheat dull and higher; No. 2 cash and January, 90½c; May, 93½c. Corn dull and steady; No. 2 cash, 42c; No. 3, 40c. Oats quiet; cash, 33½c. Rye quiet; cash, 88½c.

Turpentine Market.

SAVANNAH—Turpentine firm at 31c. Rosin firm at $1 15@1 20.

CHARLESTON—Turpentine steady at 30½c. Rosin firm; good strained, $1 15.

NEW YORK—Rosin steady and quiet. Turpentine dull and easy at 33@33½c.

WILMINGTON—Spirits of turpentine steady at 30c. Rosin firm; strained, $1 15; good strained, $1 20. Tar steady at $1 35. Crude turpentine steady; hard, $1 00; yellow dip and virgin, $1 90.

The Coffee Markets.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 13.—Coffee steady; Rio cargoes firm, 17c; No. 7, 13½c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Coffee options opened barely steady at 5 points up to 15 points down; closed barely steady at 10@25 down; sales 17,500 bags, including January, 12.60@12.75c; February, 12.65@12.75c; March, 11.85@12.00c; May, 11.60@11.75c; June, 11.60c; July, 11.55c; September, 11.50@11.55c; spot Rio more active and steady; No. 7, 13½c.

A Shabby Little Game.

Generally foiled by legal measures ere it has attained any degree of success, and that is the palming off of fiery local bitters and trashy tonics as akin to or identical with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The genuine bears a vignette of St. George and the dragon with a minute note of hand, with directions for use on a bronze label. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters eradicates dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney and rheumatic troubles, malaria and la grippe.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy for their children. 25c.

A HINT TO BUILDERS.

Great Scarcity of Houses in All the Surrounding Towns.

AN OLD CITIZEN LOOKS BACKWARD.

Manchester Traction Comes Forward as a Leader of the Stock Market.

OFFICE AND STREET NEWS AND GOSSIP

It is worth noting that the growth of Pittsburg is not at the expense of the surrounding towns. All are prospering together. In Wilkinsburg, for instance, a real estate agent reports applications for between 20 or 30 dwellings which he is unable to meet. Houses cannot be had there for love or money. Braddock is in about the same position. Homestead is unable to house all the people desiring to take up their residence there. Sharpsburg is no better off. This, with all the building of the last few years, shows remarkable accessions to the population of the surrounding districts, and should convince capitalists that they can put their money to no better or more profitable use than in erecting homes for the people, such as persons of moderate means can afford to buy or rent.

Backward and Ahead.

Recollections of old citizens, no matter what direction they take, are always interesting. A gentleman still prominent in business, whose knowledge of Pittsburg covers a period of 60 years or more, said yesterday: "When I look around I can scarcely realize the change that the city has undergone since my boyhood. Then vacant spaces were numerous, and people grew vegetables on ground that is now worth $3,000 a foot front. Ground was literally 'dirt cheap.' My grandfather sold a lot on Fifth avenue for a few hundred dollars that is now worth a fortune. Nearly all the places of note 50 or 60 years ago have disappeared. Fields where cattle browsed and linen was laid out on the grass to dry are now closely packed with houses. Magnificent buildings, fine conceptions in masonry have taken the places of many of the original structures. The city has been pushed out into what was then a wilderness full of game. Business has kept pace with this expansion. Pittsburg has achieved greatness in a single lifetime. What new marvels are awaiting us it is impossible to conjecture. All signs and influences point to continued prosperity and growth."

Business News and Gossip.

It begins to look as if this will be a Traction year.

Banks and insurance companies have trimmed their craft for another year's sailing. May it be less stormy than the last.

The Citizens' Traction people are about to adopt a system of incandescent lighting—the patent of an Allegheny man—on all their cars. Experiments just concluded were highly satisfactory. Car No. 119 is already equipped with this light.

The talk of extensive improvements in the Fifth ward next spring indicates that backward districts are about to join the procession and march to the music of progress.

It is reported that R. B. Coursin will this year erect a $75,000 hotel in McKeesport.

An electric light, heat and power company has been incorporated at Newville, Pa. W. G. Stewart is the principal promoter.

It is understood the price paid for the Penn Cotton Mill machinery and fixtures was very close to $40,000.

A business block to cost $125,000 will be erected at Hazelton the coming season. It will be the most in the place.

H. M. Gilleland has sold to Nancy Gilleland 25 acres in Ohio township for $7,350.

Newly-chosen directors of the First National Bank of Sewickley are: R. J. Murray, Charles McKnight, Frank Semple, John Renn, J. W. Arrott, C. G. Wood, R. J. Stoney, Jr., Joseph W. Craig, Ezra P. Young, John McElwain and D. S. Anderson.

Only one permit was issued by the building inspector yesterday—to Henry Meintz for a brick two-story store and dwelling on Penn avenue, Twelfth ward, to cost $3,835.

At the last call vest-relay 18¾ was bid for 100 Duquesne. Birmingham was offered at 18¼. A fruitless attempt was made to get a bid for Ben Franklin Insurance.

Very little was said about the passing of the dividend by the Allegheny Heating company. It was not a surprise.

Pittsburg Junction Railroad stock moved up a peg or two yesterday.

Movements in Realty.

It is rumored that 60 acres, a little more or less, a few miles above the city, plotted last year, will soon pass into other hands. There is a good story in this which may be told later on.

Black & Baird sold for John M. Buck and Ida J. Leaf the property corner of Brushton avenue and Grazier street, Brushton, having a frontage of 100 feet by a depth of 130 feet to a 20-foot alley, for $3,300.

S. J. Fleming sold for Ira M. Burchfield to Colfax School Board of Twenty-second ward, two lots in Homestead plan, Twenty-second ward, for $1,200; also for Mary F. Moore to Mr. S. W. Black, lot 50x161 on Thomas street, Boulevard Place, Twenty-first ward, for $4,500.

Stuart & Co. sold a farm of 60 acres in Westmoreland county for T. F. Stewart to S. D. Marron, for $3,500; also a farm of 90 acres in Wayne county, O., for J. F. McCrory to F. M. Andrews, for $6,500.

A. Z. Byers & Co. sold for John Young to Z. E. Bates, lot No. 82, in the Northside Land Association Plan, limited, borough of West Bellevue, Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railway, 35x105 feet, for $450.

Charles Somers sold for Mrs. Mary E. Grace to William Spielth a lot fronting 25 feet on Catharine avenue, West End, and extending back 95 feet to an alley, for $500.

SLOW AND EASY.

Bankers Looking Forward to the Employment of Idle Funds.

The demand for money from commercial and manufacturing sources continues quite moderate, but it is increasing, and by the time the spring trade is fairly on will no doubt come up to expectations. Such is the indication, and unless the unexpected shall happen there is no reasonable doubt of actual employment for the bulk of the finances now lying idle.

The movement at the city banks yesterday was rather slow and featureless. The weather was the bearish factor. The discount rate was steady at 6 per cent, outside capitalists being the only ones to shade. Good real estate collateral was in demand. A cashier said home money was so plentiful as to deter the shipment of Eastern funds here, and they were being sent West and South for investment. Bank clearings were $2,520,794 65 and balances $577,224 22.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy, ranging from 2½ to 3 per cent; last loan at 2½; closed offered at 2½. Prime mercantile paper 4½@6. Sterling exchange quiet and steady at $4 85½ for 60-day bills and $4 85¾ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s reg	116½	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	52
do. 4s coup	116½	Mutual Union 6s	105½
do. 4½s reg	109	N. J. C. Int. Cert	110⅞
do. 4½s coup	109	Northern Pac. 1st	115
Pacific 6s of '95	109	do. do. 2ds	113
Louisiana stamp, 4s	99½	Northwestern cons	137½
Missouri 6s	101	Oregon Nav. 1st	106
Tenn. new set 6s	105½	Oregon & Trans 6s	116
do. do. 5s	100	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	86
do. do. 3s	69	St. L. & San F. Gen. M.	107
Canada So. 2ds	102	St. Paul Consols	125¼
Cen. Pacific 1sts	105½	St. P., C. & P. 1sts	118
Den. & R. G. 1sts	116½	Tex. P. L. G. Trs. Rcts	82½
do. do. 4s	78¾	Tex. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	31
Den. & R. W. 1st sts		Union Pac. 1sts	106½
Erie 2ds	107½	West Shore	102½
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	80¾	H. G. West	77

*Asked.

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO—Money 6 per cent. Bank clearings, $15,781,459. New York exchange, 40@50c premium.

NEW YORK—Bank clearings, $148,224,786; balances, $5,976,670.

BOSTON—Bank clearings, $17,613,037; balances, $1,468,289. Money, 2 per cent. Exchange on New York, 15c discount per $1,000.

PHILADELPHIA—Bank clearings, $12,828,289; balances, $1,751,773. Money, 4 per cent.

BALTIMORE—Bank clearings, $2,720,603; balances, $314,535. Rate, 6 per cent.

MEMPHIS—New York exchange selling at par. Clearings, $403,675; balances, $158,077.

NEW ORLEANS—Clearings, $1,604,871. New York exchange selling at $1 per $1,000 premium.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $3,946,531; balances, $650,452. Money, 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 50c premium.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS—Wool—Receipts, 1,100 pounds; shipments, 99,400 pounds; movements fair at steady rates.

HOME SECURITIES.

MANCHESTER TRACTION AND PHILADELPHIA GAS MOVE UP.

The Former Makes a Jump of Three Dollars a Share—Outsiders Still Hungry for the Latter—It Looks Like a Traction Year.

The stock market was active and strong yesterday. Bulls took it in charge and had things pretty much their own way. Orders were plentiful.

Manchester Traction was the feature. At the last call Mustin, having orders for it, shied his caster into the ring and scooped in 400 shares at 40—an advance of $3 a share over the best bid of the previous day. The cause of this jump was due mainly to expectations that at the meeting on the 18th the company will make one of the best statements it has ever promulgated. Large and steadily increasing earnings were also an important factor in forcing the advance.

Philadelphia Gas was again interesting. Outside orders were plentiful, and it sold up to 15⅝, closing strong at that figure, and with the demand unsatisfied. A sale was reported in New York at 15⅝. Central Traction and Pleasant Valley were fractionally higher. Luster continued its upward movements on rosy reports by President Gamble. The rest of the list was steady to strong, with no important changes for better or worse.

Judge Barrett's action in New York was the subject of some talk. He granted an injunction in the suit of Mr. Frank against the Edison Electric Light Company, restraining that company from paying a preferred dividend of 80 per cent in collateral trust bonds. The company bases his decision on the ground that it is unlawful for a corporation to issue bonds in order to raise money to declare a dividend.

Sales at the first call were 10 shares of Switch and Signal at 10¼, 20 Pleasant Valley at 22½, 120 Philadelphia Gas at 14⅞, 10 at 14¾, 270 at 15, 200 at 15⅛. Second call, 10 Philadelphia Gas at 15, 60 at 15⅛, 50 of which was b. o. 10. Third call, 400 Manchester Traction at 40, 10 Central Traction at 22½, 100 Philadelphia Gas at 15⅛. Between calls, 100 Philadelphia Gas at 15⅛.

Bids and asking prices at each call are given in the following table:

EXCHANGE STOCKS.	FIRST CALL. B	FIRST CALL. A	SECOND CALL. B	SECOND CALL. A	THIRD CALL. B	THIRD CALL. A
P. P. S. & M. Ex.	380	....	....	380	....	....
Ger. Nat. Bank	....	....	355	....	....	....
Liberty Nat. B.	102½	105	....	....	....	....
Citizens' Ins.	....	....	29	....	29	....
Western Ins.	40	....	....	....	40	....
Char. Y. G. Co.	6¼	....	6¼	8¼	6½	8¼
Manuf. Gas Co.	....	....	24	25¼	....	....
N. S. G. & F. Co	....	....	....	....	9	....
Philadelphia Co.	14⅝	14⅞	15	15½	15⅛	15¼
Wheeling Gas Co	....	20⅛	....	20⅝	....	20⅞
Central Traction	22½	24	22½	....	23	24
Citizens' Tr'ch'n.*	60	61	60	62	60	61
Pittsburg Trac.	48	....	48	....	48	....
Pleasant Valley	22½	....	22	....	....	22½
Allegheny Valley	....	....	12	....	....	....
Charliers R. R.	60	....	....	....	....	....
P., Y. & A. R. R.	24	40	....	....	....	....
Pitts. Jun. R. R.	20¼	31	....	....	....	....
Pitts., W. & Ky.	50	52½	....	....	....	....
N. Y. & C. G. C.	47	....	47	51	....	....
La Noria Min. Co	25	30	....	....	....	....
Luster Mining	10⅝	12	11¼	....	11⅛	12⅞
Westingh'se Elec.	13	....	....	....	....	....
M'hela W. Co.	27	....	27	....	....	....
Union S. & S. Co	10½	....	10⅛	....	10⅞	11
S. U. Cable Co.	....	....	....	....	60	....

*Ex.-Div.

A HEAVY BLOW TO SHARES.

THE INCREASE OF $25,000,000 IN STOCK OF THE SUGAR TRUST.

Otherwise Tendency of the Market Is Upward—Northern Pacific Preferred and the Industrials Inherently Weak — A Partial Recovery.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The event of the day in financial circles was the announcement of a further issue of $25,000,000 new stock of the Sugar Refineries Company. The stock market responded to this intelligence by a material decline all around. The market, on the whole, displayed a very satisfactory temper, and except when pressure for a fall was exerted, the tendency was steadily to rise. Northern Pacific preferred was subjected to pressure from the opening, and further weakness in the Industrials helped to restrain the upward tendency.

The close was heavy after a partial rally in the final trading, the market being active and near the lowest figures. The losses of note were only three: Sugar, 1⅞; Chicago Gas, 1⅝, and Northern Pacific preferred, 1⅜.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 435,483 shares, including: Atchison, 23,420; Chicago Gas, 34,268; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 4,480; Erie, 4,715;